Juhu Branch. As regards the other Branch Manager, the B;;nk will take necessary disciplinary action against him shortly.

Evasion of excise duty and income-tax by MJS. impcx international, Bombay

2991. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE *he* pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Impex International, Dadamal Chambers, 309, New Marine Lines, Bombay have evaded excise duty, wealth tax and income-tax to the tune of several lakhs ol rupees during the last three years,

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the Income Tax Department has on an inquiry found that the company has submitted false income-tax returns for ihe years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85: and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to recover the excise duly, wealth tax and income-lax dues from Ihe above company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) • (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House,

Meeting of Alang ship breakers with Finance Minister

2992. SHRI RAMSINGH BHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared i$_n$ 'Fulchhab' (Gujarat Daily of Rajkot, Gujarat) of the llth November, 1985 at page 12 col urn 8 captioned 'Meeting of Alang ship breakers with the Finance Minister, Shri V. P, Singh;

tb) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any memorandum or representation/letter, etc. has been handed over by them during the said meeting;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government thereon; and

(e) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN I THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (e) The representatives of the ship breaking industry in Gujarat have j requested for relief in Customs and Central Excise duties demanded from them. Tbey have, also requested that they should not be required to obtain Central Excise licences or to pay any Central Excise clues retrospectively. These ship breakers had met th$_e$ Finance Minister and had submitted a represntation in this regard. The matter is being examined in consultation with hte Ministry of Steel but no final decision has been taken.

Seizure of gold bisuits, etc.

2993. SHRl RAMSINGH BHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI; Will ihe Minister of FINANCE he pleased to state:

(a 1 whether it is a fact that in a massive anti smuggling operation on the 7th November, 1985 detectives of the Preventive unit of the Customs Department posted at Palam seized smuggled gold biscuits, wrist watches, etc. worth over Rs. 77 lakhs from the cargo godown of a foreign airline;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof: and

(c) what are the details of the persons involved and what actio$_n$ has been taken againsi each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) On 5-11-1985, the officers of the Customs Collectorate, Delhi, intercepted and examined two packages wheih had arrived from Hong Kong and were awaiting transhipment to Kabul/Kathmandu. On examination, 3392 wrist watches valued at Rs. 13.57 lakhs and 20 Kgs. of a basic drug were recovered and seized.